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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

In the matter of Application
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MICROSOFT CORPORATION,)	Opposition No. 91154797
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Opposer,)	
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v.)	
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VALVERDE INVESTMENTS, INC.,)	
)	
Applicant.)	
_____)	

APPLICANT'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION
TO OPPOSER'S OPPOSITION TO APPLICANT'S MOTION TO JOIN
ASSIGNEE AS A PARTY DEFENDANT

Applicant hereby replies to Opposer, Microsoft Corporation's Opposition to Applicant's, Valverde Investments, Inc. ("Assignor"), motion to join Conectron, Inc. ("Assignee") as joint Applicants, in the above proceeding. The Applicant's motion to join the assignee as a party defendant was requested on the basis of the Applicant's assignment of all right title and interest together with the goodwill in the mark opposed in this proceeding to the Assignee, Conectron, Inc.

The Opposer thereafter opposed this Motion to Join on the grounds that the Motion was submitted without the signature of the assignee, Conectron, Inc., or by a

party authorized to act on behalf of the assignee, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)(2).

The Opposer further requested that prior to joining the Assignee as a party defendant in this proceeding the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)(2) be met.

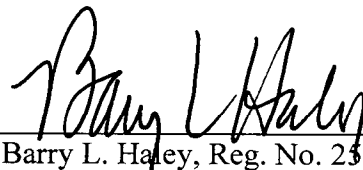
Therefore, in reply to the Opposer's request, the Applicant hereby submits a signed declaration, which includes a statement that the person signing the submission is a person authorized to act on behalf of the assignee, namely the president of Conectron, Inc., Dr. Fernando Valverde. (Please see attached declaration, Exhibit A).

The Applicant further requests that the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, in its discretion, consider this reply brief in support of the Applicant's motion, in that this reply is submitted in an effort to clarify the issues under consideration, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §2.127(a); See also *Seculus da Amazonia S/s v. Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha*, 66 USPQ2d 1154, n.4 (TTAB 2003).

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that this motion be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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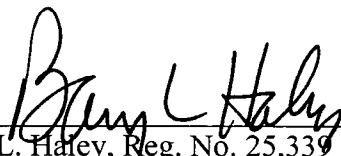

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